

REMARKS

I. Formal Matters.

Claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 and for confirming receipt of a certified copy of Applicant's priority document.

II. Claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 5-12 are allowed.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, claim 1, line 8, with respect to the element of "accessing priority based in part, on said stored propagation delay times", the Examiner asserts that it is not clear what element, kind of element is being assessed priority.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and does not recite a "priority" element. Claims 1, 3, and 4 are herein amended to more particularly require, "assessing random access priority or "a priority for random access." In turn, compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is asserted and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, is respectfully requested.

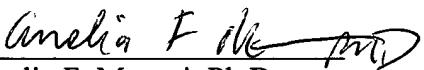
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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